#### SIXTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931.

The Senate met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Pollard. DeBerry. Gainer. Purl. Rawlings. Greer. Russek. Hardin. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Williamson. Loy. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Woodward. Neal. Oneal.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Williamson.

#### Petitions and Memorials.

(See Appendix.)

## Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

#### Bills and Resolutions.

By an affirmative vote of fourfifths of the membership of the Senate, the constitutional rule relating to the introduction of general bills during the last 90 days of the session was suspended and consent was granted to introduce the following bills:

#### By Senator Woodul:

S. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that in all counties having a population of 350,000 or more, according to the last preceding Federal census, upon petition of one hundred or more qualified voters of such county, the county judge of such county shall order an election for the purpose of submit-

ting to the qualified voters of such county the question of whether or not a tax for school purposes not to exceed two cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property in such counties shall be levied, assessed and collected for an equalization fund for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunities in such counties, and for the payment of administration expenses; providing for the calling of such election upon the presentation of such petition to the county judge, for notices, for the holding thereof, canvassing the returns and declaring the result; providing for the levy, assessment and collection of such tax if authorized by such vote; authorizing the county school trustees in such counties to determine the rate of such tax within the limit of this Act. and providing for the expenditure thereof."

Read and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

### By Senator Williamson:

S. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4, of Senate Bill No. 40, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature and providing that Senate Bill No. 40 shall take effect from and after the passage of this Act and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

# Joint Session.

On motion of Senator Purl, the Senate voted to accept the invitation of the House for a joint session to hear Dr. George Truett.

The Senate retired to the House.

# After Joint Session.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber at 10:13 o'clock a. m.

#### H. C. R. No. 45.

The Chair laid before the Senate: H. C. R. No. 45, Relating to soil conservation.

Read and adopted.

#### H. C. R. No. 49.

The Chair laid before the Senate: H. C. R. No. 49, Granting Judge Grissom leave of absence.

Read and adopted.

#### H. C. R. No. 50.

The Chair laid before the Senate: H. C. R. No. 50, Instructing the State Auditor to make an audit of the Depositors Guaranty Fund.

Read and adopted.

#### House Bill No. 746.

Senator Berkeley called up from the table the following bill:

H. B. No. 746, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners' court in any county having a population of not less than 12,500 and not more than 12,510, according to the United States census of 1920, and having an area of not less than 3,0000 square miles, to allow the county judge and each county commissioner certain expenses for traveling and in connection with the use of his automobile on official business; requiring each such judge and commissioner to pay the expense of the operation and repair of each automobile used by him without further expense to the ocunty, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Berkeley sent up the following amendments:

Amend Section 1 of H. B. No. 746 by striking out after the words: "not less than" to and including the words: "last Federal census" by substituting in lieu thereof the following: "14,000 and not more than 15,500, according to the last United States census."

BERKELEY.

Read and adopted.

Amend the caption of H. B. No. 746 by striking out after the words: "not less than" to and including: "census of 1920" by substituting in lieu thereof the following: "14,000 and not more than 15,500, according to the last United States census."

BERKELEY.

Read and adopted.

The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Berkeley, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 746 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Patton. Cousins. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Purl. Gainer. Rawlings. Greer. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Pollard. Gainer. Greer. Purl. Hardin. Rawlings. Russek. Holbrook. Hopkins. Small. Hornsby. Stevenson. Thomason. Loy. Martin. Williamson. Moore. Woodruff. Neal. Woodul. Woodward. Oneal.

Present—Not Voting.

DeBerry.

## H. J. R. No. 24.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. J. R. No. 24, Proposing to amend Section 13, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the right to redeem land sold at tax sale within two years from the date of the filing for record of the purchaser's deed for less than double the amount paid for the land, that is to say, upon payment within the first year of the redemption period of the amount of money paid for the land, including \$1.00 tax deed recording fee plus 25 per cent, and within the last year of the redemption period upon the payment of the amount of money

paid for the land, including \$1.00 tax deed recording fee plus 50 per cent."

Read second time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Pollard. DeBerry. Gainer. Purl. Greer Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Stevenson, Hopkins. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

#### H. J. R. No. 1.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. J. R. No. 1, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 33 and Section 40 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit officers of the National Guard. the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States army, navy and marine corps, and retired enlisted men of the United States army, navy and marine corps, to hold public office in Texas."

Read second time.

Senator Williamson sent up the following amendments:

# Amendment No. 1.

Amend H. J. R. No. 1 by striking out all above the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

# "A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 1 of Article 6, and Section 33 and Section 40 of Article 16, of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit officers of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserves, and the Officers

Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, to vote and to hold public office in Texas."

WILLIAMSON.

Read and adopted.

# Amendment No. 2.

Amend H. J. R. No. 1, page 1, by inserting between lines 29 and 30 of the printed resolution the following:

"Section 1. That Section 1 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

'Section 1. The following classes of persons shall not be allowed to vote in this State; to-wit:

'First: Persons under twenty-one years of age.

'Second: Idiots and lunatics.

'Third: All paupers supported by any county.

Fourth: All persons convicted of any felony, subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may make.

'Fifth: All soldiers, marines and seamen, employed in the service of the Army or Navy of the United States. Provided that this restriction shall not apply to officers of the National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve. and the Organized Reserves of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps'."

And by renumbering said resolution so that Section 1 thereof of the printed resolution shall be Section 2; Section 2 of said printed resolution shall be Section 3; and Section 3 shall be Section 4; and Section 4 thereof shall be Section 5.

WILLIAMSON.

Read and adopted.

The resolution was passed to third reading.

#### H. J. R. No. 12.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. J. R. No. 12, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide that the Legislature shall have no power to release or extinguish, or to authorize the releasing or extinguishing, in whole or in part, the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation or individual to this State or to any county or defined subdivision thereof, or other municipal corporation therein, except delinquent taxes which have been due for a period of at least four years."

Read second time and passed to third reading.

#### House Bill No. 754.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 754, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a rural school supervisor in certain counties in lieu of teachers' institutes; prescribing the duties of said supervisor; providing for visits of schools of the county and work in cooperation with the teachers, under the direction of the county school superintendent; prescribing the salary of said supervisor and how it shall be paid; providing other things incidental to said purpose, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted. The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Poage, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 754 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Beck.	Martin.
Berkeley.	Moore.
Cousins.	Neal.
Cunningham.	Oneal.
DeBerry.	Parr.
Gainer.	Parrish.
Greer.	Patton.
Hardin.	Poage.
Holbrook.	Pollard.
Hopkins.	Purl.
Hornsby.	Rawlings.
Loy.	Russek.

Small.	Woodruff.
Stevenson.	Woodul.
Thomason.	Woodward.
Williamson.	

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

Beck.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Parrish.
Cousins.	Patton.
Cunningham.	Poage.
Gainer.	Pollard.
Greer.	Purl.
Hardin.	Rawlings.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Hopkins.	Small.
Hornsby.	Stevenson.
Loy.	Thomason.
Martin.	Williamson.
Moore.	Woodruff.
Neal.	Woodul.
Oneal.	Woodward.

Present—Not Voting.

DeBerry.

#### House Bill No. 470.

Senator Woodward called up from the table the following bill:

H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing county boards of school trustees, in certain counties of Texas, to employ rural school supervisors in lieu of holding teachers' institutes, defining their duties and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, carrying amendments, was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 470 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck.	Hornsby.
Berkeley.	Loy.
Cousins.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Moore.
DeBerry.	Neal.
Gainer.	Oneal.
Greer.	Parr.
Hardin.	Parrish.
Holbrook.	Patton.
Hopkins.	Poage.

Pollard. Thomason.
Purl. Williamson.
Rawlings. Woodruff.
Russek. Woodul.
Small. Woodward.
Stevenson.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas--30.

Parr. Beck. Berkeley. Parrish. Patton. Cousins. Cunningham. Poage. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Hardin. Rawlings. Holbrook. Russek. Hopkins. Small. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Martin. Williamson. Moore. Woodruff. Neal. Woodul. Oneal. Woodward.

Present-Not Voting.

DeBerry.

# House Bill No. 811.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 811, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, relating to the qualifications and duties of the county board of education of certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted. The bill was read second time.

Senator Poage sent up the following amendment:

Amend H. B. No. 811 by inserting 80,000 wherever the figures 77,750 appear.

POAGE.

Read and adopted.

The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Poage, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 811 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Parr. Beck. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Stevenson. Hopkins. Hornsby. Thomason. Williamson. Loy. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

# Yeas-30.

Parr. Beck. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Gainer. Pollard. Purl. Greer. Hardin. Rawlings. Russek. Holbrook. Hopkins. Small. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Moore. Woodruff. Woodul. Neal. Oneal. Woodward.

Present-Not Voting.

DeBerry.

#### House Bill No. 870.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 870, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a rural school supervisor in certain counties in lieu of teachers' institutes; prescribing the duties of said supervisor; providing for visits to schools of the county and work in cooperation with teachers; prescribing the salary, office and traveling expenses of said supervisor and how it shall be paid; providing other things incidental to said purpose, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Pollard, laid on the table subject to call.

#### House Bill No. 741.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 741, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7122, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, as amended by the Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 62, Section 2, page 87, relating to inheritance taxes, by providing that property passing to or for the use of persons not related to a decedent shall be subject to the payment of inheritance taxes, and declaring an emergency."

Read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Purl, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 741 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkelev. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Small. Holbrook. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Williamson. Lov. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Patton. Cousins. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Purl. Gainer. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Stevenson. Hopkins. Hornsby. Thomason. Lov. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

# House Bill No. 688.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

By Mr. Sanders, et al.:

H. B. No. 688, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the State Auditor and Efficiency Expert to immediately begin an audit of the affairs, accounts, books, contracts and employees of the State Highway Department, and making an appropriation out of the funds belonging to the said Highway Department for the purpose of paying the employees necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act in the sum of \$12,900, and declaring an emergency."

Read second time.

#### Senate Bill No. 599.

The Chair laid before the Senate, by unanimous consent, the following bill:

By Senator Williamson:

S. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 40, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature and providing that Senate Bill No. 40 shall take effect from and after the passage of this Act and declaring an emergency."

The rule requiring committee reports to lie over 24 hours was suspended by a two-thirds vote.

The committee report was adopted. On motion of Senator Williamson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 599 was put on its second reading by the following vote:

### Yeas-31.

Beck.	Neal.
Berkeley.	Oneal.
Cousins.	Parr.
Cunningham.	Parrish.
DeBerry.	Patton.
Gainer.	Poage.
Greer.	Pollard.
Hardin.	Purl.
Holbrook.	Rawlings.
Hopkins.	Russek.
Hornsby.	Small.
Loy.	Stevenson.
Martin.	Thomason.
Moore.	Williamson

Woodruff. Woodul.

Woodward.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Williamson. the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 599 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Woodul. Moore. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Gainer. Pollard. Greer. Purl. Hardin. Rawlings. Holbrook. Russek. Hopkins. Small. Hornsby. Stevenson. Loy. Thomason. Martin. Williamson. Moore. Woodruff. Neal. Woodul. Oneal. Woodward.

Present-Not Voting.

DeBerry.

# House Bill No. 688.

The question recurred on H. B. No. 688.

The bill was passed to third readreading.

On motion of Senator Thomason, the constitutional rule requiring bills

suspended and H. B. No. 688 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson Hornsby. Thomason Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. Pollard. DeBerry. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Stevenson. Hopkins. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

#### House Bill No. 847.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 847, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to accept and award all application for repurchase of public school land situated in Brewster County and Loving County, Texas, subject to forfeiture and reappraisement on date of passage of Chapter 94, an Act approved October 27, 1926, for which applications or the first payments therefor were filed in the Land Office after the expiration of the time allowed by law to be read on three several days was for the filing thereof but for which

applications and the part payment were so filed, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted. The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Purl, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 847 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Hardin. Russek. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Loy. Williamson. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

Beck. Parr. Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Poage. DeBerry. Pollard. Gainer. Purl. Greer. Rawlings. Russek. Hardin. Holbrook. Small. Hopkins. Stevenson. Hornsby. Thomason. Williamson. Loy. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Oneal.

# House Bill No. 870.

Senator Pollard called up from the table H. B. No. 870.

The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Pollard, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was ing amendment:

suspended and H. B. No. 870 was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

Beck.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Parrish.
Cousins.	Patton.
Cunningham.	Poage.
DeBerry.	Pollard.
Gainer.	Purl.
Greer.	Rawlings.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Small.
Hopkins.	Stevenson.
Hornsby.	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Martin.	Woodruff.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.
Oneal.	

Read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-30.

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Cunningham.	Poage.
Gainer.	Pollard.
Greer.	Purl.
Hardin.	Rawlings.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Hopkins.	Small.
Hornsby.	Stevenson.
Loy.	Thomason.
Martin.	Williamson.
Moore.	Woodruff.
Neal.	Woodul.
Oneal.	Woodward.

Present-Not Voting

DeBerry.

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#### House Bill No. 100.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled "An Act to qualify certain consolidated school districts to receive bonuses and transportation aid under the provisions of the Rural Aid Law for the 1929-31 biennium; authorizing and directing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to pay such aid out of the current State aid appropriation, and declaring an emergency."

Read second time.

Senator Pollard sent up the follow-

Amend H. B. No. 100 by changing the year 1927 wherever it occurs, to the year 1921.

POLLARD.

The amendment was read.

#### Recess.

On motion of Senator Purl, the Senate, at 11:53 o'clock a. m., recessed until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### After Recess.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to recess, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

# Messages From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 811 by a vote of 104 yeas and 0 nays.

The House has concurred in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 746 by a vote of 102 yeas and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, April 16, 1 931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills.

H. B. No. 1000, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 7, Title 121, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, so that Presidio County shall not be exempted from the operation of Articles 6972 to 7008, inclusive, relating to the inspection of hides and animals; providing for appointment of an inspector of hides and animals for Presidio County, until the next general election, by the commissioners' court of Presidio County; and further providing that should said court fail to appoint such officer, that the sheriff of Presidio County shall perform the duties of said office; making provision for the disposition of the fees collected by the sheriff of Presidio County while performing the duties of inspector of hides and animals; repealing all laws and parts of laws in the right to plead as defense in any

conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 4726 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, permitting a life insurance company to own an office building located on leased ground, and declaring an emergency.'

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 49 of Article 1302, Revised Statutes of 1925, so as to authorize corporations organized thereunder either by original charter or by amendment to existing charter, to also act as trustee under any lawful express trust committed to them by will, and to acts as guardian and/or executor under the terms of any will, and declaring an emergency.'

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1847 and 1848, Chapter 3, Title 39, of the Revised Statutes, so as to provide for the filing of records in the order received, for setting the cases for submission, and the notification of parties of the receipt and the date set for hearing and declaring an emergency."

# (With amendments.)

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1845, Chapter 3, Title 39, so as to dispense with the necessity of a file docket, and providing for docketing all causes on the trial docket, and declaring an emergency."

# (With amendments.)

S. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all Public Cotton Classers to have a Federal Cotton Classer's license, to file duplicate with the Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas, to make bond, providing for a registration fee, creating a special fund, authorizing the expenditure of such fund by the Commissioner of Agriculture as now provided for by law, granting certain powers to the Commissioner of Agriculture as administrator of this Act, providing penalties, defining certain terms, and declaring an emergency."

(With amendments.)

S. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7298, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, amended by Chapter 81 of the Fortyfirst Legislature, providing that no defendant in any tax suit shall have court or in any manner rely upon any statute of limitation against payment of any taxes due to the State, any county, city, town, navigation district, drainage district, road district, levee district, reclamation district, irrigation district, improvement district, independent school district, common school district, or any other districts authorized to assess and collect taxes; and declaring an emergency."

# (With amendments.)

S. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the maximum compensation which may be allowed for deputies and/or assistants to the sheriff, county clerk, district clerk, tax assessor and tax collector in counties with a population over 150,000 inhabitants and containing a city with a population of over 50,-000 inhabitants according to the last United States census; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

(With amendments.)

S. B. No. 566, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the taking of fish from the fresh water of Rockwall County, Texas, and making it unlawful to take any such fish except by ordinary hook and line or by seine or net, the mesh of which is less than one and one-half inch square, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1839, Chapter 3, Title 39, of the Revised Civil Statutes, so as to fix the time for filing the transcript in the Court of Civil Appeals and providing for an extension of such time for cause shown, and declaring an emergency.

S. B. No. 571, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the extension of the corporate limits of cities having a population of not less than 15,000 and not more than 20,990, according to the last preceding United States census, either wherein said exten-sion of territory was attempted under statutes providing for the consolidation of cities of more than 5,000 population, and wherein in the act of extending said corporate limits said city has included all of the territory of an adjoining city of less than 2,000 population, and/or wherein said extension of territory was attempted under charter pro-

visions which provide for the annexation of adjoining territory without specific reference to the fact that the adjoining territory is included in an incorporated city, and to validate all actions, resolutions, proceedings, elections and ordinances taken or made in reference thereto or pursuant thereto, repealing all laws and parts thereof in conflict herewith, to the extent in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act making better provisions for public parks and playgrounds outside the limits of incorporated cities; authorizing cities to acquire and maintain recreation parks and play-grounds without their territorial limits and within the county within

which they are situated."

S. B. No. 575, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a system of public roads and bridges for Bexar County and to empower the commissioners' court thereof, to provide rules and regulations therefor, and a system for the construction of such roads and bridges, the maintenance and repair thereof, and to condemn private property for such purposes, to constitute each county commissioner ex-officio commissioner of the public roads and bridges of his precinct and to prescribe the powers and duties of the county commissioners; etc., and declaring an emergency."

(With amendments.)

S. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2246, Chapter 11, Title 42, of the Revised Civil Statutes, fixing the time for filing statements of facts and bills of exception, and providing for the extension of time where good cause is shown, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted, LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

# House Bill Referred.

H. B. No. 1000 referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

# Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House

to inform the Senate that the House has refused to concur in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 547 by a vote of 62 yeas and 61 nays and requests the appointment of a conference committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses. The following are appointed on the part of the House:

Sanders, Young, Reader, Holder and McDougald.

Respectfully submitted, LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### H. C. R. No. 43.

The Chair laid before the Senate, by unanimous consent:

H. C. R. No. 43, Relating to Goose Island State Park.

The rule requiring committee reports to lie over 24 hours was suspensed by a two-thirds vote.

The committee report was adopted. The resolution was adopted.

#### Motions to Concur.

Senator Woodward moved to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 60. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-31.

Beck. Berkeley. Cousins. Cunningham. DeBerry. Gainer. Greer. Hardin. Holbrook. Hopkins.	Parr. Parrish. Patton. Poage. Pollard. Purl. Rawlings. Russek. Small. Stevenson.
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Greer.	Rawlings.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Small.
Hopkins.	Stevenson.
Hornsby.	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Martin.	Woodru <b>ff</b> .
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.
Oneal.	

Senator Woodward moved to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 61. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Beck.	Greer.
Berkeley.	Hardin.
Cousins.	Holbrook.
Cunningham.	Hopkins.
DeBerry.	Hornsby.
Gainer.	Loy.

Martin. Rawlings. Moore. Russek. Neal. Small. Oneal. Stevenson. Parr. Thomason. Parrish. Williamson. Patton. Woodruff. Poage. Woodul. Pollard. Woodward. Purl.

Senator Hornsby moved to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 114. The motion prevailed.

Senator Williamson moved to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 575. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

Beck.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Parrish.
Cousins.	Patton.
Cunningham.	Poage.
DeBerry.	Pollard.
Gainer.	Purl.
Greer.	Rawlings.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Small.
Hopkins.	Stevenson.
Hornsby,	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Martin.	Woodruff.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.
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Senator Williamson moved to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 352. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

# Yeas-31.

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Beck.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Parrish.
Cousins.	Patton.
Cunningham.	Poage.
DeBerry.	Pollard.
Gainer.	Purl.
Greer.	Rawlings.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Small.
Hopkins.	Stevenson.
Hornsby.	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Martin.	Woodruff.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.
Oneal.	
Hornsby. Loy. Martin. Moore. Neal.	Thomason. Williamson. Woodruff. Woodul.

# Free Conference Committee Appointed.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Senate conferees on H. B. No. 547:

Senators Berkeley, Small, Woodward, Moore, and Woodul.

#### House Bill No. 100.

The question recurred on the pending amendment to H. B. No. 100.

Senator Moore moved to refer the bill and pending amendment to the Committee on Finance.

#### Dallas Tourists Visit.

The Senate was visited by a group of Dallas good-will tourists and their band.

The Chair introduced Mr. William Z. Hayes, Vice President of the Republic National Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, who briefly addressed the Senate.

#### House Bill No. 100.

The question recurred upon the motion to refer H. B. No. 100 to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Thomason moved to table the motion to refer. The motion to table prevailed by the following vote.

#### Yeas-18.

Berkeley. Parrish. Cousins. Patton. Cunningham. Pollard. Rawlings. Greer. Holbrook. Russek. Stevenson. Loy. Martin. Thomason. Neal. Woodruff. Woodul. Parr.

# Nays—9.

DeBerry. Oneal. Gainer. Poage. Hardin. Purl. Hornsby. Woodward. Moore.

Absent.

Beck. Small. Williamson. Hopkins.

The question recurred upon the pending amendment.

#### Adjournment.

Senator Hornsby moved to recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Senator Stevenson moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The motion prevailed by the and find same correctly engrossed. following vote:

#### Yeas-13.

Cunningham. Rawlings. Holbrook. Russek. Stevenson. Hornsby. Martin. Woodruff. Parrish. Woodul. Poage. Woodward. Purl.

#### Nays—11.

Berkeley. Oneal. Cousins. Parr. Patton. DeBerry. Greer. Pollard. Hardin. Thomason. Loy.

#### Present-Not Voting.

Moore.

#### Absent.

Beck. Neal. Small. Gainer. Hopkins. Williamson.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the Senate adjourned.

#### APPENDIX.

#### Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 506 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

# HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 510 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 16, 1 931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 317 carefully examined and compared

HARDIN. Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 599 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin. Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 447 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the

Sir: We. your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 263 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 596 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.
HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 595 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

#### Committee Reports.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, Subdivisions 3 and 5 of Article 7065n, House Bill No. 6, Chapter 88, Second Called Session of Forty-first Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MOORE, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, April 15, 1 931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 592, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 22. Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, as amended by Chapter 24, Acts of the Fifth Called Session of the Fortyfirst Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment, and be not printed.

MOORE, Chairman.

#### Committee Amendment.

Amend S. B. No. 592 as follows: Section 2, third paragraph, line 4, after the word "Brazos," add the words "Burleson, Washington."

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7065-a, 7065-e, 7065-f, 7065-h, 7065-j, and 7065-k of, and to repeal Article 7065 of. Section 17, Chapter 88, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MOORE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate.

H. B. No. 849, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing fees charged by the constables to make them correspond to the fees charged by the sheriffs; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MOORE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 850, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting and authorizing constables in each justice precinct named and described to appoint deputy constables subject to the approval and confirmation of the commisioners' court and providing that the constables desiring to have a deputy or deputies appointed shall submit written application to the commisioners' court, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments.

MOORE, Chairman.

#### Committee Amendment No. 1.

Amend H. B. No. 850 by adding at the end of Section 3 another section, to be known as ection 3-A, which shall read as follows:

Section 3-A. No sheriff, constable or deputy or either, shall have authority to arrest or accost any person for driving a motor vehicle over the highways of this State in violation of the law relating to motor vehicles unless he is at the time wearing on his left breast on the outside of his garment so that it can be clearly seen a badge showing his title, and unless he is also wearing a cap, coat or blouse, and trousers of dark grey color, or dark blue, which cap and other uniform shall be of the same color. Provided, if any person shall violate the provisions hereof, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 3 hereof, and if any officer charged by law so to do shall refuse to take any complaint or prosecute the same, he shall be removed from office."

Committee Amendment No. 2.

Amend the caption of H. B. No. 850 to conform to the body of tihs Act.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1 931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the extension of the corporate limits of cities of more tban twenty-five hundred (2500) inhabitants according to the last United States census where such extension is made under the provision of any Home Rule Charter or ordinance since the enactment of Chapter 110. General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of 1929, and validating all proceedings had, done or performed by the governing authorities of said cities or inhabitants thereof in regard to the question of the extension of city limits, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 29, Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, relating to the selection of jurors in certain counties; providing for the appointment of jury commissioners to select jurors; providing the qualifications of said commissioners; providing: where and when they shall meet; prescribing the method of selection of jurors; providing for the compensation of said jury commissioners; providing for the jury wheel system of selecting jurors and prescribing how same shall be operated; providing that this Act shall be applicable only in certain counties classified by population; enacting other provisions incidental for the purpose of the Act

.Have had the same under con-

and declaring an emergency.'

sideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the passage of any local or special law applying to one county by reference to population, scholastic population or taxable values, without naming the county referred to; requiring notice to be given by publication in the county to be affected, stating the purposes of the Act; requiring the notice of publication to be exhibited in the committee considering the bill and on the floor of the House where the bill originates, as now required for the consideration of other local bills, repealing all laws in conflict herewith,

and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 717, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the method of taking or catching fish in the public fresh waters in Morris and Titus Counties, State of Texas; providing penalties for violation; repealing all laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State

Highways and Motor Traffic, to whom was referred S. B. No. 599, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WILLIAMSON. Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 16, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 311. A bill to be entitled "An Act tovalidate assessment ordinances and to validate the lien attempted to be created thereby in cities in the State of Texas having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the last preceding United States census where State, County and Federal Governments have contributed to the cost of improvements and validating all actions, ordinances and proceedings taken, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith and providing that if a portion of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional the remainder shall not be affected thereby and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

ONEAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 15, 1931. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 43, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

THOMASON, Chairman.

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# Judge Charles A. Wilcox

#### SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 110.

Senator Hornsby sent up the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In the death of Judge Charles A. Wilcox on yesterday, April 15, 1931, the State of Texas has lost one of its outstanding citizens, one of its most prominent and eminent jurists, and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilcox served for a time as County Judge of Williamson County, where he was born, later being appointed District Judge of Travis and Williamson Counties, which place he filled for years with honor and distinction; and that after his retirement from public office he entered the practice of law in Austin, and further proved his merit as a Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and in his untiring efforts in church and Sunday School work, he possessed in a marked degree all that was noble and good to be found in the highest and best type of a genuine, deeply spiritual Christian character, and

WHEREAS, During his entire life he so conducted himself both as a gentleman and as a lawyer that he will ever stand as a shining example for those who follow him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, That this body extend to his legion of friends and to his family its heartfelt sympathy, and that an appropriate place in the Journal of the Senate be set aside in honor of and in respect to the memory of Judge Wilcox, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary to his bereaved and sorrowing widow, mother and children.

HORNSBY,

Read and adopted unanimously.